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Ques : IDBI Bank recently filed an insolvency plea against Zee Entertainment in NCLT, alleging a default of how much amount?

- A. ₹150 crore
- B. ₹200 crore
- C. ₹225 crore
- D. ₹275 crore
- E. ₹300 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IDBI Bank filed a fresh insolvency plea in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL), alleging a default of ₹225.23 crore.
- The default relates to a Debt Service Reserve Agreement (DSRA) connected to credit facilities availed by Siti Networks.
- Zee Entertainment rejected the claim, calling it malicious, fraudulent, and legally baseless, stating that it was an abuse of law.
- Previously, similar complaints made by IDBI Bank in 2022 and 2023 were dismissed, and the 2025 appeal is still pending before the Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal (Delhi).
- Zee also stated that the bank's actions are intended to harass and damage the company's reputation, and it does not expect any financial impact from these proceedings.

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Ques : Which new scheme has Bank of Baroda launched in collaboration with SIDBI?

- A) bob Digi Udyam
- B) bob Earth Circular Economy Scheme (MSE Spice)
- C) bob Smart MSME Loan
- D) bob Green Growth Credit
- E) bob Sustainable Finance Yojana

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Bank of Baroda, in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), launched the bob Earth Circular Economy Scheme (MSE Spice) under its Green and Sustainable product category.
- To Encourage Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) to adopt sustainable practices.
- Promote resource efficiency, competitiveness, and support global sustainability goals.
- The scheme aligns with the bank's efforts to drive environmentally responsible growth among MSEs.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- PhonePe Limited in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) to promote digital-first Udyam generation
- South Indian Bank (SIB) launched a Digital Loan Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) facility
- PhonePe, a leading fintech company, has launched Loans Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) in partnership with DSP Finance, an NBFC backed by the DSP Group
- Using fixed deposits as security, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a secured credit card that aims to improve loan accessibility
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched the 'bob Digi Udyam' platform, a fully digital, collateral-free lending scheme designed exclusively for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)
- Jio Payments Bank's 'Savings Pro' account will automatically invest idle cash in customer accounts into overnight mutual funds to offer better returns
- TATA AIA Life Insurance Company Limited launched two innovative offerings 'Health Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)' and the 'Health Buddy' App in India
- Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users
- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers
- Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card Launched by Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Cards & Payment Services Limited in Three variants -ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE.
- According to people familiar with the matter, fintech unicorn CRED is working with IndusInd Bank to launch its first co-branded credit card.
- ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system
- ICICI Bank has increased the minimum average monthly balance (MAB) in metros & urban areas for new savings accounts from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
- Bank of Baroda has launched its new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) application named 'bob e-Pay' to provide secure, seamless, and real-time cross-border digital payments





Ques: According to RBI data, how has the performance of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) in rural India compared to other areas over the last 25 years in terms of deposits and lending?

- A. Slower growth than other areas
- B. Better growth than urban areas
- C. Equal growth across all areas
- D. No growth in rural areas
- E. Only deposits increased, not loans

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- RBI data shows that SCBs have struggled to mobilize deposits and expand lending in rural India compared to semi-urban, urban, and metropolitan areas over the last 25 years.
- Loan outstanding in rural India grew 30 times till March-end 2025, which is slower than the overall average growth of about 41 times across all population groups.
- Deposits in rural areas increased 20 times, lagging behind the average accretion of 28 times across all areas.
- The Credit-Deposit Ratio (CDR) in rural areas increased from 56% in 2000 to 80% in 2025, indicating banks are lending more compared to the deposits they mobilize.
- This trend reflects a slower pace of financial inclusion and banking expansion in rural regions relative to other areas.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- In a heartfelt tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, RBI will issue a ₹100 commemorative coin on September 13, 2025, to mark the birth centenary of the legendary Assamese singer, poet, and cultural icon.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a phased 100 basis point (1%) reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to boost liquidity in the banking system
- The Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC-SC) was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- Outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) remained broadly flat at \$6.92 billion in Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025)
- The RBI has begun the September 2025 round of its Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS) and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS), inviting households across the country
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan
- RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to Aditya Birla Capital Digital (ABCD), the digital arm of Aditya Birla Capital, on 20 August 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank
- RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021
- According to RBI & NABARD, India has 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). Maharashtra (458) has the highest number, followed by Karnataka (250) and Gujarat (211).
- RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching \$30.5 billion
- RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language
- RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
- RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours



Ques : The recent RBI-approved changes in Yes Bank's board are linked to stake purchase by which bank?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Federal Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved changes to Yes Bank's Articles of Association (AoA), linked to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) acquiring a 20% stake in the bank.
- 13.19% stake purchased from SBI and 6.81% stake purchased from seven other banks
- After this deal SBI's stake will drop from 24% to just over 10%.
- SMBC will gain the right to appoint two nominee directors to Yes Bank's board, while SBI will retain one nominee director.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has also approved this acquisition.

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Ques : According to Fitch Ratings, what is India's revised GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A. 6.3%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 6.7%
- D. 6.9%
- E. 7.1%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Fitch Ratings upgraded India's FY26 GDP growth forecast from 6.5% to 6.9%.
- The revision is driven by strong Q1 FY26 growth of 7.8%, a boost from GST rate cuts on 375 items, and robust domestic demand.
- Inflation is expected to ease to 3.2% by the end of 2025 and 4.1% by the end of 2026.
- For the following years, FY27 growth is projected at 6.3%, which will slightly moderate to 6.2% in FY28.
- This indicates India's economy is set to remain strong and stable, supported by domestic consumption and real income growth.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Coal India Limited and NSTFDC under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU to empower tribal students enrolled in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)
- National Co-operative Exports Limited (NCEL) and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) signed MoU to forge a strategic partnership aimed at elevating India's cooperative-led agricultural exports.
- Sports Authority of India's (SAI) National Centre of Sports Science Research (NCSSR) signed MOU with IIT Delhi to strengthen cooperation in the domains of sports sciences, advanced technology, and indigenous innovation
- Meghalaya State Skill Development Society has signed a MOU with Japan's Asean One Co. Limited. For the initial phase, the initiative will support training and overseas placement of 500 candidates in the 1st year, and scaling up to 5,000 over the next 5 years
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment signed MoUs with Mentor Together and Quikr to improve job access and provide personalised career guidance through the National Career Service (NCS) portal
- India and Israel signed a new Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to strengthen bilateral investments and expand economic relations between the two nations
- Kongsberg Maritime signed an agreement with Mandovi Drydocks, in partnership with Ripley Group to provide a fully integrated equipment package for India's first electric tug at Deendayal Port in Kandla marking a major milestone in the Green Tug Transition Programme of India.
- Adani Power has signed an agreement with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) to set up a 570 MW Wangchhu hydroelectric project
- Tata Electronics Private Limited and Merck (Germany) signed an agreement to strengthen India's semiconductor and electronics manufacturing capabilities. Merck will provide Tata Electronics with a comprehensive range of semiconductor-related solutions for its upcoming fabrication plant (Fab) in Dholera, Gujarat
- Federation of Indian Export Organizations has signed a MOU with BRISKPE to facilitate faster and compliant cross-border payments for Indian exporters
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) & Horizon Fuel Cell Technologies (Singapore) signed an agreement for 10 year to jointly develop hydrogen fuel cell-based locomotive tailored for the Indian market



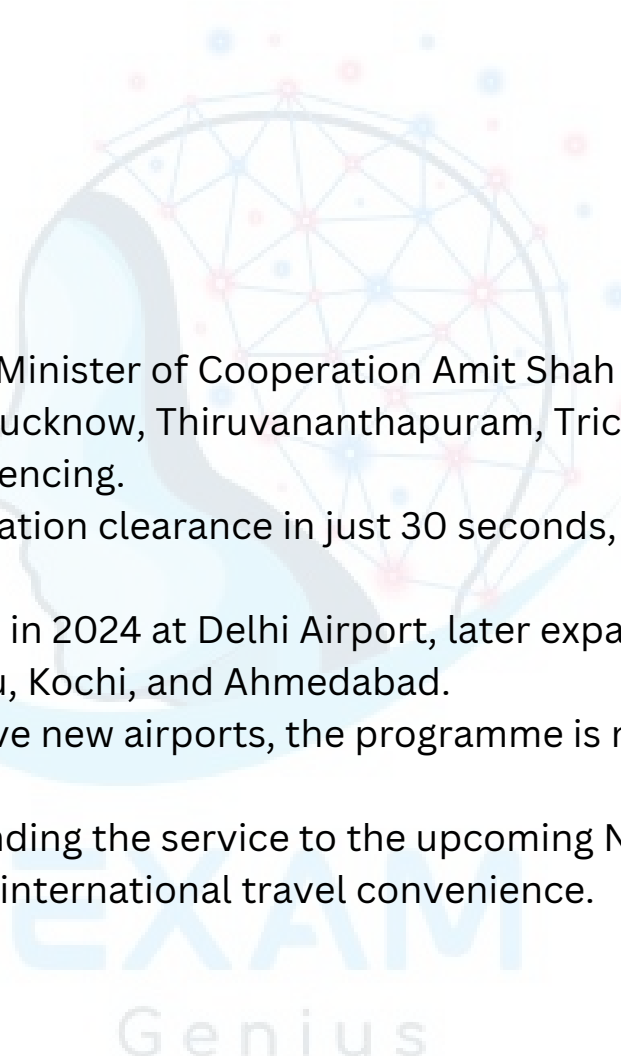
Ques: The Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) has recently been expanded to how many total airports across India?

- A. 10
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. 13
- E. 15

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the FTI-TTP at five new airports – Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Trichy, Kozhikode, and Amritsar – via video conferencing.
- This system allows immigration clearance in just 30 seconds, significantly reducing processing time.
- FTI-TTP was first launched in 2024 at Delhi Airport, later expanded to Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Kochi, and Ahmedabad.
- With the addition of the five new airports, the programme is now operational at 13 airports across India.
- Future plans include extending the service to the upcoming Navi Mumbai and Jewar airports, further enhancing international travel convenience.





Ques: Which companies have partnered with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to raise awareness for the Sadak Suraksha Abhiyan 2025?

- A. Swiggy and Ola
- B. Amazon and Flipkart
- C. Paytm and Blinkit
- D. Zomato and Uber
- E. Ola and Rapido

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has collaborated with Zomato and Uber to spread road safety awareness nationwide.
- This collaboration marks the third year of the Government of India's 'Sadak Suraksha Abhiyan', which was launched in 2023.
- Objective: To halve the number of road accidents and deaths in India by 2030.
- As part of the initiative, both companies will share road safety tips and announcements featuring Amitabh Bachchan on their mobile applications.
- The 2025 theme of the campaign is "Parwaah Karenge, Surakshit Rahenge" (Care for Others, Stay Safe).
- According to MoRTH's official data, in 2023, India reported over 4.8 lakh road accidents, a 4.2% increase, resulting in 20 deaths every hour.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- In Football, India defeated Oman to finish third in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 at Hisor Central Stadium in Tajikistan to win the bronze medal. India, 133rd in the FIFA rankings.
- The Indian men's hockey team defeated South Korea 4-1 in the final of the Hockey Asia Cup 2025 held at Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar, on 7th September 2025
- Max Verstappen returned to winning form by clinching a commanding victory at the 2025 Italian Grand Prix in Monza
- India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from October 11 to 15, 2025
- Carlos Alcaraz, at just 22 years old, defeated his long-time rival Jannik Sinner in the men's singles final of the US Open 2025 145th edition at Flushing Meadows, New York
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), launched the mascot "Jalveer" and official logo for the 11th Asian Aquatics Championship in New Delhi
- Aryna Sabalenka retained her U.S. Open crown with a win over American eighth seed Amanda Anisimova in the U.S. Open women's final
- Pranav Venkatesh dominated the Superstars section of the inaugural Fujairah Global Chess Championship (2025), held in the UAE. Secured the title with a victory against GM Alan Pichot (Spain) in the final round.
- Afghanistan team Captain Rashid Khan became the leading wicket-taker in Twenty20s as Afghanistan beat the United Arab Emirates by 38 runs in the tri-series
- India to Send First-Ever National Team to Pickleball World Cup, scheduled to take place in Florida, USA
- India has been chosen as the host of the 2026 Badminton World Championship. This is the second time India has become the host. Earlier, in 2009, the World Championship was held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad
- The 29th edition of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Championships 2025, officially known as the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2025, was held at the Adidas Arena, Paris, France
- The 30th Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025, which also included the 25th Commonwealth Senior Championships, concluded at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Ques: 16-year-old Abhimanyu Mishra recently created history by defeating which World Chess Champion in classical chess at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025?

- A. D. Gukesh
- B. Magnus Carlsen
- C. Viswanathan Anand
- D. Ian Nepomniachtchi
- E. Hikaru Nakamura

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Abhimanyu Mishra, a 16-year-old American chess player, made history at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- In Round 5, Mishra defeated 19-year-old reigning World Champion D. Gukesh, becoming the youngest player ever to beat a World Champion in classical chess.
- With this victory, Mishra broke a 33-year-old record held by Gata Kamsky, who had defeated Garry Kasparov at the age of 17.
- This win is considered a major milestone in chess history, showcasing Mishra's extraordinary talent at a very young age.

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Ques : Union Cabinet approved the ₹7,600 crore infrastructure projects in Bihar for which two major developments?

- A. Highway (84.2 km Mokama–Munger section) and Railway line doubling (177 km Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat)
- B. Metro rail project and Airport expansion
- C. Industrial corridor and Freight terminal
- D. Bridge construction and Inland waterways
- E. Smart City and Digital Infrastructure

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved ₹7,600 crore worth of infrastructure projects in Bihar, consisting of:

₹4,447 crore highway project:

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Four-laning of the 84.2 km Mokama–Munger section of the Buxar–Bhagalpur highway, under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) with a closed tolling system.

- Average speed will increase to 80 kmph, cutting travel time by 1.5 hours.

₹3,169 crore railway project:

- Doubling of the 177 km Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat railway line, covering Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.
- This will boost freight traffic by 15 million tonnes annually, especially for fertilizers, coal, and cement, while improving passenger connectivity.





Ques: The 13th ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 will be co-hosted by which two countries?

- A. India and Bangladesh
- B. India and Sri Lanka
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. India and Nepal
- E. India and Australia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled its flagship campaign 'Will to Win' ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.
- The 13th edition of the tournament will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.
- The tournament will begin on 30 September 2025, with the opening match between India and Sri Lanka in Guwahati.
- This will mark the return of the Women's Cricket World Cup to India after 12 years, as the last time India hosted was in 2013.
- India has hosted the Women's World Cup before (1978, 1997, 2013), but this is Sri Lanka's first time hosting.

About ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025

- Edition : 13
- In India : After 12 year
- Total Team : 8
- Defending Champion : Australia (2022)
- Total prize pool : ~USD 13.88 million.
- Winner : ~USD 4.48 million.
- Runner-up : ~USD 2.24 million





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The United Planers Association of Southern India and the Tea Board India will organise the eighth edition of India International Tea Convention in Kochi from September 18 to 20. Theme - “Innovating the Tea Ecosystem for Tomorrow”
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) successfully concluded the 5th edition of Lok Samvardhan Parv at the Marine Drive Exhibition Area in Kochi, Kerala
- 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law & Policy (COLP48) held under the theme “Developing World Approaches to Ocean Governance: Perspectives from the Indian Ocean Rim” , this gathering assembled global stakeholders to explore pathways for sustainable and inclusive marine governance
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida
- The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi in collaboration with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (Noida), organized the Purple Fest 2025
- On September 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will kick off the three-day Combined Commanders’ Conference (CCC), 2025, in Kolkata, where they will talk about strategic reforms, national security, and the future of the military
- DialogueNEXT 2025 was held in New Delhi, India, bringing together global agricultural leaders, policymakers, scientists, and farmers
- The 28th Universal Postal Congress (UPC) was held at the Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE, marking the first time the event was hosted in the country
- The 16th India-Singapore Defence Working Group (DWG) meeting was held on September 4, 2025, in Singapore
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurated the SAMHiTA Conference on South Asia’s Manuscript Traditions and Mathematical Contributions in New Delhi





Ques: Which country will host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in 2027?

- A. Japan
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. India
- E. Australia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 4th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) was held in Rome, Italy, from September 11-12, 2025.
- A two-member Indian Coast Guard (ICG) delegation, led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, participated and delivered a lecture at the summit.
- During the event, India announced its intent to bid for the presidency of the 5th CGGS, which is planned to be hosted in India in 2027.
- The CGGS was first convened in 2017 by the Japan Coast Guard and the Nippon Foundation.
- It has since become an important platform for international dialogue, cooperation, and confidence-building among coast guards worldwide.

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Ques: Where is the Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition (SAJEX) 2025 being held to strengthen India-Saudi trade ties?

- A. Jeddah
- B. New Delhi
- C. Riyadh
- D. Dubai
- E. Doha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council of India (GJEPC), in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Jeddah, the Embassy of India in Riyadh, and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, announced the launch of SAJEX 2025.
- The event is being held at the Jeddah Superdome, Saudi Arabia, from September 11-13, 2025.
- Objective is to deepen India-Saudi trade relations and expand access to GCC and global markets for Indian gem and jewellery exporters.
- In FY 2024-25, India exported \$32 billion worth of gems and jewellery, highlighting the sector's importance to India's economy and trade.

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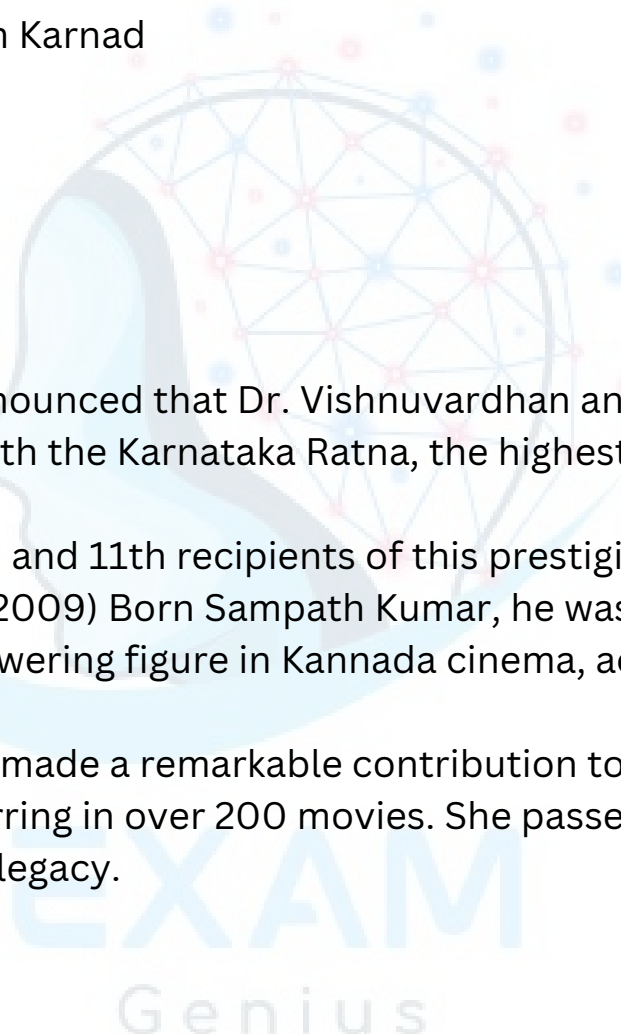
Ques: Which two legendary actors will be posthumously awarded the Karnataka Ratna, the state's highest civilian honor?

- A. Rajkumar and Vishnuvardhan
- B. Vishnuvardhan and B Saroja Devi
- C. B Saroja Devi and Anant Nag
- D. Rajkumar and B Saroja Devi
- E. Vishnuvardhan and Girish Karnad

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Karnataka Cabinet announced that Dr. Vishnuvardhan and B Saroja Devi will be posthumously conferred with the Karnataka Ratna, the highest civilian award of the state.
- They will become the 10th and 11th recipients of this prestigious honor.
- Dr. Vishnuvardhan (1950-2009) Born Sampath Kumar, he was affectionately called 'Sahasa Simha'. He was a towering figure in Kannada cinema, acting in over 220 films across five languages.
- B Saroja Devi (1938-2025) made a remarkable contribution to Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi films, starring in over 200 movies. She passed away in July 2025, leaving behind a legendary legacy.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics : Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh
- Camel International Award : Younus Ahamed
- 76th Creative Arts Emmy Awards : Barack Obama for his narration in Netflix's five-part documentary series "Our Oceans"
- 82nd Venice International Film Festival, Best Director award : Anuparna Roy for her film 'Songs of Forgotten Trees'
- Prof. V.K. Gokak Award : Anand V. Patil
- Best KVK in the North Eastern Region : ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, Nagaland
- Miss Universe India 2025 : Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan
- 'Institution Building' and 'Best Inclusion Recruitment Programme' Awards Under Asia's Best Employer Brand Awards 2025 held in Singapore : Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 64th National Exhibition of Art 2025 : Sculptor Premchandra Pukhrambam from Manipur's Kakching district for his wooden sculpture titled "Made Me Change"
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) : documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma
- Equator Prize 2025 : Bibi Fatima
- Apex Bank award for the 23rd time : South Canara District Central Cooperative (SCDCC) Bank
- International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category : Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport
- M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace : Dr. Arenare, a Nigerian scientist
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award : Telangana
- 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award : Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM) : Andhra Pradesh
- PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' : Kerala Tourism





Ques: Which train has officially become India's fastest train, operating at a speed of 160 km/h?

- A. Gatimaan Express
- B. Vande Bharat Express
- C. Rajdhani Express
- D. Tejas Express
- E. Namo Bharat Train

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Namo Bharat Train has become India's fastest train, operating at a maximum speed of 160 km/h on the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).
- The operational stretch currently covers 55 km from New Ashok Nagar (East Delhi) to Meerut South (Uttar Pradesh), out of a total 82.15 km corridor.
- Earlier, Gatimaan Express and Vande Bharat Express held the top spot at 160 km/h, but after a June 2024 directive, their speed was capped at 130 km/h for safety reasons.
- This milestone marks a significant step in India's high-speed rail network development

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Ques: NASA's Perseverance rover recently discovered rocks on Mars that may hold signs of ancient microscopic life. Where were these rocks found?

- A. Olympus Mons
- B. Valles Marineris
- C. Neretva Vallis
- D. Gale Crater
- E. Tharsis Plateau

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the Beta Version of Adi Sanskriti at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, during the National Conference on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan.
- Adi Sanskriti is a pioneering digital learning platform aimed at preserving tribal heritage, enabling sustainable livelihoods, and connecting tribal communities with the world.
- First phase states: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.

Objective:

- To function as the world's first Digital University dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture and traditional knowledge of tribal communities.
- To serve as an online marketplace for tribal artisans to showcase and sell their products globally.

Three Major Components:





- Adi Vishwavidyalaya (Digital Tribal Art Academy) : Currently offers 45 immersive courses on tribal dance, painting, crafts, music, and folklore.
- Adi Sampada (Socio-Cultural Repository) : Contains 5,000+ curated documents on tribal culture, including paintings, dance, textiles, artefacts, and livelihood.
- Adi Haat (Online Marketplace) : Initially integrated with TRIFED, it will grow into a dedicated e-marketplace for tribal artisans.



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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- On International Literacy Day 2025, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that India's literacy rate increased from 74% (2011) to 80.9% (2023-24)
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, launched a unique cultural initiative titled "Bistirna Parore: A Musical Voyage from Sadiya to Dhubri" to celebrate the birth centenary (100th birth anniversary) of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika
- Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the mobilization of over 1,000 trained MY Bharat Aapda Mitras to assist in rescue operations in flood-affected areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has formed a 12-member panel, led by Senior Advocate Sanjay Upadhyay, to draft a national law to protect India's interests in international waters, also called high seas
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Campus Tank in New Delhi to Empower Youth
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah met and felicitated the CRPF, Chhattisgarh Police, DRG and Cobra jawans in New Delhi, who successfully carried out 'Operation Black Forest' on Karreguttalu hill, biggest anti - Naxal operation ever conducted on Karreguttalu hill
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Women & Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi jointly launched the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the cut-off date for entry into India to December 31, 2024, for applying under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA)
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) successfully observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th to 31st August 2025, as part of the Government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT has achieved Pan-India integration of e-Government services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms



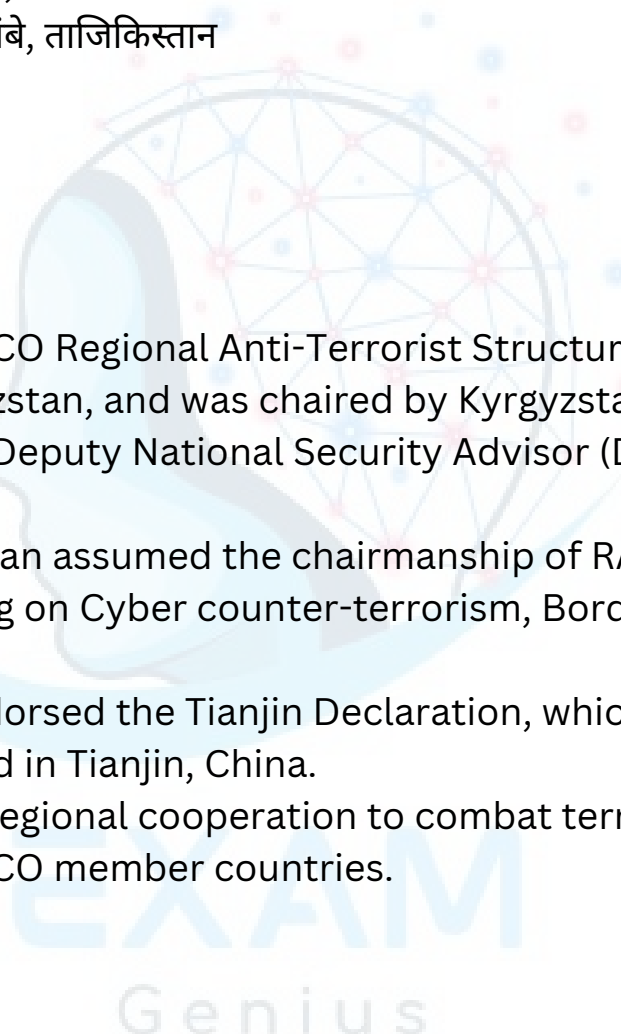
Ques: Where was the 44th meeting of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Council held?

- A. Beijing, China / बीजिंग, चीन
- B. Islamabad, Pakistan / इस्लामाबाद, पाकिस्तान
- C. Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan / चोलपोन-अटा, किर्गिज़स्तान
- D. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
- E. Dushanbe, Tajikistan / दुशांबे, ताजिकिस्तान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 44th meeting of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Council was held at Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan, and was chaired by Kyrgyzstan.
- India was represented by Deputy National Security Advisor (DNSA) T.V. Ravichandran.
- During the meeting, Pakistan assumed the chairmanship of RATS and will host expert-level events focusing on Cyber counter-terrorism, Border security and Terror financing
- The RATS Council also endorsed the Tianjin Declaration, which was adopted earlier during the SCO Summit held in Tianjin, China.
- The meeting emphasized regional cooperation to combat terrorism and cross-border threats within the SCO member countries.





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Union Education Minister of India inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Centre at IIT Delhi–Abu Dhabi campus during his UAE visit.

ACME Group signed a Joint Venture with Japan's IHI Corporation to establish India's largest Green Ammonia project at Gopalpur, Odisha. This follows their initial MoU signed in 2023.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi launched 'Never Alone', an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven comprehensive mental health and wellness app for students. the app offers mental health screening at a rate of 70 paise per student and is accessible through WhatsApp

The Telangana government's Department of Information Technology, Electronics, and Communications and Deakin University in Australia have inked a Letter of Intent to advance AI-driven creative solutions that support the objectives of the digital economy and the public welfare.

President Ram Chandra Poudel appointed former Supreme Court Chief Justice Sushila Karki as the interim Prime Minister, making her the first woman to lead the country.

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